



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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PROVIDER RATE INCREASE VIRTUAL FORUMS

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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Governor Doug Ducey and the Arizona State Legislature approved funding in the most recent Legislative session for the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to increase rates paid to Qualified Vendors for Home and Community Based (HCBS) services.

A series of virtual forums will be hosted by DDD in August 2021. We encourage members, families, vendors and providers to attend. DDD will talk about its proposed plan for provider rate increases. Attendees can provide input about the services they feel are in most need of rate increases. As DDD develops provider rate increases using funding provided in the FY2022 budget, DDD will take into account:

- Feedback from these forums.
- Submitted written comments.
- An analysis of data including, but not limited to, services with wait lists, network adequacy, and changes in the minimum wage.

The forum schedule is listed below. At least one forum will be recorded. Qualified Vendors and providers who cannot attend a forum can review the presentation on the DDD website and submit comments using this [online form](#).

Providers

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 - 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.

- Join online: <https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/1613556199>
- Join by phone: 1-669-254-5252, passcode 161 355 6199

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 - 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.

- Join online: <https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/1619233601>
- Join by phone: 1-669-254-5252, passcode 161 923 3601

Member and Families

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 - 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.

- Join online: <https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/1602580937>
- Join by phone: 1-669-254-5252, passcode 160 258 0937

Thursday, August 19, 2021 - 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.

- Join online: <https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/1602620131>
- Join by phone: 1-669-254-5252, passcode 160 262 0131

Members, Families and Providers

Monday, August 30, 2021 - 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.

- Join online: <https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/1605364618>
- Join by phone: 1-669-254-5252, passcode 160 536 4618